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Subject:	(Archive Copy) Re: First draft
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Looks good.

I'd like to add something like:

The Town and the APD acknowledge the harm caused by Pedrini's writings and as such are continuing to work with community stakeholders to heal the harm. We understand that healing and the rebuilding of community trust do not happen overnight, and as such we are committed to a continuing dialogue with harmed parties.

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On Jun 18, 2019, at 6:32 PM, John Guilfoil <john@jgpr.net> wrote:

> HARD DEADLINE at 7 p.m.
>
> The Arlington Police Department is a founding member of Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) and we will continue to work with our community to heal the harm done by crime and acts of intolerance.
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> For more than 19 years, CR4J has worked tirelessly to offer restorative justice to those affected by crime -- the offenders, the direct victims, and the indirect victims. The Arlington Police Department shares in its belief that crime, bias and hatred are violations of humanity and human relationships, not just law and policy. I stand by that doctrine every day in the pursuit of justice and public safety in Arlington, where I have worked as a police officer for more than 20 years.
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> Pedrini's writings were offensive and wrong. But if we, as a police department, are going to preach restorative justice, we must practice it as well. Pedrini's comments also mocked restorative justice, which meant restorative justice was the perfect response.
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> Restorative justice is a difficult, time consuming, introspective process that requires an offender to look -- and be forced to look -- deeply at themselves and their actions. It pairs offenders with those they offended against. In this case, members of the NAACP and members of Arlington's immigrant community were present in the restorative circle.
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> We urge anyone who is confused about or uneducated about the restorative justice process to visit C4RJ.org or to call, email, or stop by the Arlington Police Department any time.

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